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In re Application of GREEN, JAMES A., et al. Application No. 09/621,464 Filed: 07/21/2000

Attorney Docket No. 850-15

For: SATELLITE BROADCAST RECEIVING

AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on July 21, 2000.

A petition to make special under the Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition meets all the above-listed requirements. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

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